

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 25, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES Dr. Gilliam

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mrs. Mary Page Pierce, Dempsey & Stuart

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 18:1-3a Mr. Andy Woodard

I love You, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.
I love You, O LORD, my strength.

INTROIT *I Love You, Lord* arr. Lura Foster
Vicky Overman & Anita Thompson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Woodard

+HYMN OF PRAISE 601 *O How I Love Jesus* O HOW I LOVE JESUS
See page 4.

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Rev. Anita Thompson
People of God, what is your prayer for these children?
Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:21-30 Dr. Gilliam
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Struggle* Dr. Gilliam
At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

ANTHEM

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
Vicky Overman & Anita Thompson

arr. Lloyd Larson

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

You are the God who creates us,

the Christ who redeems us,

the Holy Spirit who fills us with hope.

May we and our gifts be instruments of Your purposes here on earth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 636

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CHILDREN OF GOD

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God & in memory of their parents by Jim & Dana Wiggins and Family, Tony & Cecelia Bracy and Family, and Fletcher & Leah Stubbs and Family.

O How I Love Jesus

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1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
3. It tells of one whose lov - ing heart can feel my deep - est woe;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

it sounds like mu - sic in my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.
it tells me of His pre - cious blood, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.
who in each sor - row bears a part that none can bear be - low.

The second system continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause He first loved me!

The fourth system concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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Chil - dren of God, we are march - ing to Zi - on. Chil - dren of

1. In my walk you can see me try - ing. In my
2. In my talk you can hear me try - ing. In my
3. In my prayer you can hear me try - ing. In my
4. Chris - tians, pray that we keep on march - ing. Chris - tians,

God, we are march - ing to Zi - on. Chil - dren of God, we are

walk you can see me try - ing. In my walk you can

talk you can hear me try - ing. In my talk you can

prayer you can hear me try - ing. In my prayer you can

pray that we keep on march - ing. Chris - tians, pray that we

D.C.

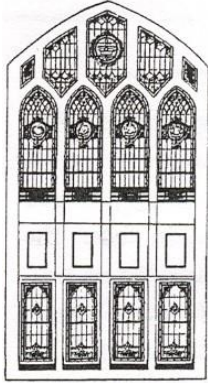
march - ing to Zi - on, step by step all the way.

see me try - ing, step by step all the way.

hear me try - ing, step by step all the way.

hear me try - ing, step by step all the way.

keep on march - ing, step by step all the way.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

October 25, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Worship Notes

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all worshipers, please abide by the following guidelines.

- ◆ *Masks should be worn at all times, everywhere in the building.*
- ◆ *Though there will be no congregational singing, you're invited to stand and sing in your*

heart to the Lord.

- ◆ *Should you need to exit during the service, please exit by the doors on either side of the chancel.*
- ◆ *You're encouraged to sit and reflect during the postlude.*
- ◆ *Offering – please place your offering in the plates located at the doors on either side of the chancel.*
- ◆ *Please depart row by row, beginning with rows nearest the chancel. You may exit by the doors on either side of the chancel, or the vestibule door at the West & Main corner. Please practice social distancing as you depart.*

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✘ Wednesday In-Person Activities This Week – October 28

5:00pm-5:45pm Children's Music & Missions
Age 3 to Kindergarten and Grades 1—5
Reservations required by noon each Monday.

5:00pm-5:45pm Women's Bible Study, Room 106

6:00pm-7:00pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary

✘ Worship Flowers Schedule

Nov. 1 Frank & Penny Rose

Nov. 15 Charles & Patricia Hughes

Nov. 8 Oliver Fleming

Nov. 22 Worship Decorating Committee

✘ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

As we look toward the Operation Christmas Child ministry for 2020, please note these options:

(1) Collect items and pack your own box/boxes.

(2) Donate \$25 (includes \$9 shipping fee) for each box you wish to sponsor. Items will be purchased, and boxes filled on your behalf. Boxes will be ready on Friday for pick up at the designated doors.

All monies may be given to the church office, (checks made payable to FBC Ahoskie, Inc., with OCC written in the memo line). Our 2020 goal is 150 boxes, and together we can surpass our goal. Let's help share the Good News of Christ through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need.

—Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC

☒ Food Drive for Britton Ministries

Each fall Baptist Children's Homes of NC hosts a food drive for each of their campuses. We have the opportunity to support our local children's home, *Britton Ministries*, by purchasing gift cards for local grocery stores. From mid-October to mid-November you're invited to bring or mail a gift card to the church. In mid-November we'll deliver all gift cards as a fitting way to offer God thanksgiving for this critical ministry in our community. *Britton Ministries* helps single mothers in north eastern North Carolina by providing a structured transitional environment that promotes relational development between mother and child as well as needed resources to help the family regain control of their lives.

☒ Make Your Reservation for In-Person Worship

If you would like to participate in Sunday worship, please make your reservation by calling the church office (252) 332-4003 or emailing Heather Joyner at heather@fbcahoskie.org by noon each Friday. A firm number is needed to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place.

Nursery Needed for Your Family? When you reserve your place for worship, also reserve a nursery spot: 1-2 year old class and 3-5 year old class. We will not use the 2020-2021 Extended Session schedule yet; therefore, we need 2 to 4 volunteers each Sunday. We also need two volunteers to take temperatures and two volunteers to greet. Please let the church office know if you can help.

☒ Christian Women's Job Corps Need

We are in need of a donation of clothing items for a CWJC woman & children. For more information, please contact Pat Byrd, 252-332-4122. The sizes needed are the following:

- Boy: 6-9 months
- Girl: Size 7 slim
- Boy: 2T
- Women: Size 3 or 5, and small

☒ Online Giving Now Available

... on our church website (www.fbcahoskie.org) and on our church Facebook page.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist